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Short ACCOUNT,

Of the Principal

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AND

GARDENS,

In and about

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This Journal being shewn to Dr. CAMPBELL, was by him

Hold Women, but another Name for Fools. ULL pedant Brutes, the Spawn of claifter'd Schools, Enlighten'd Forms, kind Providence has given, To chear Man's Sorrows, with the Glimpse of Heaven. Be taught this new, this pleasing Truth to know, Confess your Crimes,—do Penance,—and adore! Bow down, converted Slaves! blaspheme no more! Where Parts and Wit, and Sense, and Science Spine, Women are Seraphs, who converse below; Read Blockbeads, read, and from each sparkling Line, honoured with the following Lines, viz.



INTRODUCTION

THE following
Sheets were intended only, as a
Journal of those Seats
and Gardens, which
I saw, during the
Time I spent at
Twickenham; and
for a Hint to my
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Memory, when length of Time, or other Accidents, might possibly efface the Idea: I have observed, that Ladies in general, visit those Places, as our young Gentlemen do foreign Parts, without answering any other End, than barely saying they have been there; but neither

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neither receiving any Instruction from it themselves, nor rendering their Conversation more amusing. These little Excursions being commonly the only Travels permitted to our Sex, & the only Way we have of becoming at all acquainted with the Progress of Arts, I A 4

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thought it might not be improper, to throw together on Paper, such Remarks as occurred to me, never intending they should appear: but the Partiality of some of my Friends have call'd them to Light, and obliged me to submit them to an Examination, they will so ill bear:

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bear: the Subject is such, as will not admit of Embelishment, and the whole being a Description of Gardens, I have been oblig'd to a Repitition of the Words View, Profpect, &c. till I was tired of them myself; but which doubtless, might (by a more floridImagination) have been 1286

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been agreeably varied or totally avoided. Such as it is however, to my real Friends alone I present it, with all its Imperfections on its Head; some will peruse it and content themselves with being glad I past my Time so agreeably; but, if others will, with a more critical

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Eye examine it and point out Faults, they will truly oblige me; only let me re-mind them (in the Words of a noble Author) that I am fully sensible, "+ A Woman's " noblest Station is "Retreat" and that it is my Ambition, to

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[†] Lord Lytttleton's Advice to a Lady.

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appear to them, in every agreeable Light but that of an

AUTHOR.

THE Earl of Lincoln's, call'd Oatland's, at Weybridge in Surry.

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The Earl of Carda gan's, at Richmond in Surry.

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The Earl of Lincoln's Seat,

I S about a Mile beyond Weybridge, fituated in the midst of a noble Park. The Gardens contain 150 Acres, and are divided by a fine Canal. The whole is laid out in the modern Taste, of Flowering Shrubs, Lawns, Clumps &c. In Part of it there is a beautiful Menagerie, and between the Habitation of each particular Fowl, a Plantation of the

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the finest Flowers, which, when in fall blow, perfume the Air at a confiderable Diftance. Beyond that, is a fine Green-Moule, piled up wich Oranges and various Exotics; behind which is an Aviary of every kind of Singing-Birds, who are so conceild by the Trees, that the they fill the Garden with their Harmony. it is impossible to discover whence it proceeds. But the principal Beauty of this Garden, confifts in a most superbo and magnificent Terras, of a Mile and an half in length, which my Lord has lately turfed

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turfed & planted with Clumps of Trees, at convenient Diftances: It is of a great height, and the whole Length of it commands a Prospect, in Beauty and Extent, equal to that off the Terras at Windfor : for the River meandring along the Foot of it, the Country, farther than the Eye can reach, feems to belong to the Garden; Walton Bridge forming a principal and beautiful Ornament to it. The House is not re-

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The E. of PORTMORE's

HO' not far from the HO' not far from the Earl of Lincoln's, wants the Advantages of rifing Ground, being situated in a very flat Country; but this is . amply made up, by fome Beauties peculiar to itself; the most remarkable of which, are two navigable Rivers which run thro' the Garden; as it is perhaps, the only one in England that can boast so fine an Object. There is also a very noble Cascade, overshadowed

with two weeping Willows of extraordinary Beauty. The Trees are all extremely fine, and there is a grand Collection of Flowers. Near one of the Rivers, (and quite shaded with thick large Trees) stands a Farm, in which they greatly delight; it consists of a Parlor, and a Chamber over it, which projects with a large Bow Window, from whence the River, which runs close at the Roots of the Trees, resembles an Arm of the Sea, and forms the sweetest View that can be conceived. The whole Furniture and Appearance of this dedelightful Farm, can only be described by saying, it is most truly the Simplex Mundities. There are also some Exotics of extraordinary Growth and Beauty, particularly the Tulip Tree in sull Blow, the first that ever bloom'd in England. There is a fine Lawn to the back Front of the House.

As Lord Lincoln's is diffinguish'd by its Terras, and Lord

Portmore's by its Rivers,

Mr. Southcote's

E its Situation and Profpects: Scarce a Spot in this Garden

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Garden, but profents a differont Landichape; and the it wants Water, the repeated yet different Views of the River, and Walton and Chertley Bridges, which in one Part of the Gardon are both foen at once, fully amones this Pault. Nature has indeed been particularly bountiful, in contributing to this Garden, its most Ariking Beauties; the Ground being very Hilly. The lower Part is terminated with light pretty Buildings.

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The E. of CARDIGAN'S fmall House,

Is under Richmond Hill, and stands so shady, that every Apartment in it, is as cool, and as gloomy, as a Grotto. Its pendant Gardens are almost in the River, and so thick planted with Trees, that the Sun has no Admittance; the River appears very beautiful from it, and Mr. Cambridge's fine Meads on the opposite Side, give it the most chearful Prospect imaginable.

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The Earl of Radnor's Villa,

Is fituated in an open romantic Country, with as fine a View of the River, as any in those Parts: the Rooms are small, but elegantly fitted up, and there is an excellent Collection of Pictures, a noble Gallery runs the whole length of the House, adorned with Paintings of great Value: If there is any Fault, it is that of being too much ornamented;

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ed; but this is greatly aten'd, by the exquisite Take that is display'd thro' the whole; the Garden, is not equal in Situation to the House, for there is not one View, except that of the River thro' the subterraneous Passage, which his Lord-ship cut under the Road, for a Communication to his Garden, from the sine Lawn at the back Front of his House, by the River-side.

But that which surpasses every other Beauty, is the Cold Bath, a small Building open to the River, with an Alcove at each End; one of which

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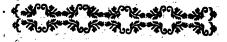
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dorned with the finest Shell-Work; from a piece of Rock, a perpetual Rill of Water drops with an agreeable murmur in many little Streams into the Bath; over the Alcove is this Inscription from the 6th Satyr of Horace,

Hoc exat in Votis:

Hortus ubi, & tella vicinus
jugis Aquæ Fons.

The other contains a Sider-board, and the Middle is a pretty square Room, adorned with Pictures: There is also a beautiful Chinese Tower which stands near the Water.



Mr. Walpole's

by, and the Infide is quite answerable to its venerable Aspect. The Rooms and Furniture have all the noble Simplicity, yet Magnificence of Antiquity, without its decay. The State Bed-Chamber is hung with a plain Lilac Paper, and cover'd almost with Pictures, finely copied from the Originals of Holbens, in black

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black Frames with a Gold . Worm; the Chairs in this, Room (and indeed throughout the whole House) are black Ebony exquisitely wrought: The Bed, which stands behind two Screens of antique Carving, in the Manner of an Alcove, is made in the Form of a Canopy, supported by four fluted Pillars of black Ebony; it is compos'd of the finest Lilac Broad Cloth, lin'd with white Sattin, and a Counterpane of white Sattin also; the whole is adorned with a tufted Fringe of black and white,

white: At the Top is a most elegant Plume of white O/trieb Feathers, and above that another of Lilac; but the Gothic Tafte is admirably preferved thro' the whole; this is call'd the Holbens Chamber! The Windows are all painted, and so exquisitely, that they feem to promise a Revival of that long forgotten Art. The Library contains a fine Collection of Books, and is entirely calculated for learned Retire_ ment and Contemplation. You are struck with an Awe at entering it, proceeding from

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* The high embowed Roof,
And antique Pillars maffy Proof,
And for ied Windows richly dight,
Cafting a dim, religious Light:

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Mrs Clive's,

Appearance, almost buried in the surrounding Meads.

Her Prospect is equal, if not superior to any in that Part of the Country, and is perfectly rural; her Gardens are laid out in an excellent Taste, and

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are of confiderable Extent: the infide of her House is far more elegant than the outside seems to promise, and is altogether a charming Retirement.



Mr Barlow's House

I S small, but the extreme ineatness of the outside, which is perfectly white, makes it a striking and pleasing Object from the River: a large Room with a fine Bow-wind-ow to the Water, hung with Buff

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Buff Colour and adorned with Prints, cut out and elegantly dispos'd, is its chief Ornament; the Garden is laid out to as much Advantage, as so small a Piece of Ground is capable of.



Sir William Stanhope

Is in Possession of that famous Garden and Grotto, formerly Mr Pope's, and of which (in one of his Letters) he has given a Description, that that in Beauty exceeds (in my Opinion) the Place described. I shall therefore only remark an Obelisk at the upper End of the Garden, erected in Memory of his Mother, on which is inscribed this short, but pathetic Exclamation.

Ab! Editha Matrum Optima, Mulierum Amantiffima, Vale!

This is a Circumstance of more Credit to him, than all his Works; for the Beauties of Poetry are tasted only by a few, but the Language of the Heart is understood by all.

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Nor does the Author of the Essay on Man, surrounded by the Muses, and invoking his St. John, appear half so amiable, as the pious Son, lamenting over the Remains of his aged Parent.



The Countess of Suffolk's,

I S most properly stiled Marble-Hill, for such it resembles, in a fine green Lawn, open to the River, and adorned on each Side, by a C 2

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beautiful Grove of Chesnut Trees; the House is as white as Snow, a small Building without Wings, but of a most pleasing Appearance; the Garden is very pleasant; there is an Ally of slowering Shrubs, which leads with an easy Descent down to a very fine Grotto; there is also a smaller Grotto, from whence there is a fine View of Richmond-Hill.



Mr Garrick's House,

STands in the Town of Hampton, but is quite

conceal'd from View by a high Wall: Nothing can be neater, or fitted up with more decent elegance than this little Box; er very Room shews the true Taste & Genious of the Owner; the whole is like a fine miniature Picture, perfectly well finish'd, tho'extremely finall; the Drawing-Room is, however, of a handsome Size, and may be properly called a large Room; tis hung with Canvas painted all in Greens in the most beautiful manner imaginable, and decorated with Carvings the same Color; the Garden is laid out in the modern Tuste, C3 with

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with a Passage (like my Lord Radnor's) cut under the Road, to a Lawn, where close by the Water-side, stands the Temple of Sbakespear. This is a Brick Building, in the form of a Dome, with a handsome Porch, supported by Opposite to the four Pillars. Entrance * in a large Nich. stands a Statue of the Poet as large as the Life, at his Desk, in an Attitude of Thought. The Figure is bold & striking, the Drapery finished in the most delicate Manner. The Sculptor has display'd as many Roubilliac.

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nice and masterly Strokes, in the Statue of Shakespear, as the Possessor has, in that Poet's most favourite Characters.

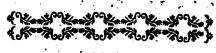


The House of the D. of St. Alban's in the Town of Windsor,

Is no farther remarkable than for its Paintings, of which there are some very capital Pieces; particularly the Gallery of the Knights of the Garter, all whole Lengths, done by Van-C 4 dyke

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dyke and Sir Peter Lely, and fome Flower Pieces; the Garden is very tolerable, confidering it stands in the middle of a Town. There is a very pleasant Summer House which looks into the Forest.



· Windsor-Castle, -

I S a very antient Fortress, and has for many Years been a Palace for our Kings; it stands very high, and is surrounded by a Terras, which, for Extent and diversity of Prospect,

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Prospect, is reckon'd equal, if not superior to any Thing in Europe, The Paintings are very numerous and extremely fine; among the chief are,

Duns Scotus, starv'd to death. Several Madonas of exquifite Beauty.

The two Misers, done by a Blacksmith; this Piece is accounted by the Judges, a Master-Piece.

A Brass Pan & dead Game.
A finging Master teaching his Scholars to sing by Candle Light.

A Madona expiring by Moon-light.

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A Roman Statuary.

A Roman Charity.

The Gallery of Beauties by Sir Peter Lely.

These are the principal Pieces: Besides many others of great Value, there is in the Hall, a sine Statue of a Lacedemonian Slave, pulling the Thorn out of his Foot.



The PALACE at Hampton-Court,

S greatly admired for the Regularity of the Building, in

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in the new Part, and the fine Proportion of the Rooms; the Paintings are but few, and those chiefly Portraits, except the justly celebrated Cartoons of Raphael, which still preserve their Beauty, and scems to shew the great Decline of that Art in our modern Performances. There is one Room hung with Tapestry done at the Gobelins, representing the Battles of Alexander, which for the Beauty and Freedom of the Figures, and the liveliness of the Colours, are equal to the finest Painting.

Mr



Mr Hudson's at Twickenham,

Is fituated in the happiest Spot imaginable; though small, its Beauties are numerous and striking; the nicest Judge might examine this little Museum, and not be able to discover a Fault: The back Front stands in a Lawn of the finest and most verdant Turf, close to which runs the River, always smooth, full, and clear; on the right-hand of the Lawn

is a little Shrubbery, where blooms every fragrant Flower, and many curious Exotics. In the House, there is one Chamber fill'd entirely with Prints, the finest Collection perhaps, that ever was feen; another Room is furnish'd with Pictures, 'all perfect in their Kind; there is a Holy Family by Raphael, and Rembrandt's Head of inestimable Value: There is also a Bed-Chamber hung with blue Paper, of the foftest and most delicate Tint; it is adorned with Sketches and Drawings, by the most eminent Masters. and

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and furrounded with a Border, of Papier Maché gilt.



The House belonging to the Pelham's, at Esher,

I S built in the Form of an old College, and stands in a Valley, surrounded by those Grounds which are so much and so justly celebrated; they are neither Park, Garden, nor Wood, but a lovely Mixture of all Three: On the highest Eminence

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Eminence stands an Octagon Summer-House, commanding from each of its eight Windows, a Prospect so rich, so various, and so unbounded, that the Gazer's Eye is opprest by the Prosusion of Beauties, and knows not where to fix. If it be possible to describe, or do Justice to this enchanting Spot, it must be in the Words of that sweetly descriptive Poet Thomson.

Where in the sweetest Solitude, embrac'd
By the soft Windings of the filent Mole,

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From Courts and Senates, Pelham finds Repose: Inchanting Vale! beyond whate'er the Muse Has of Achaia or Hesperia sung. O! Vale of Blifs, O foftly · fwelling Hills! On which, the Power of Cultivation lies, And joys to fee the Wonders of his Toil. Heav'ns! what a goodly Profpect spreads around; Of Hills, & Dales, & Woods, and Lawns, and Spires, ... And glittering Towns, and gilded Streams, till all The stretching Landschape into Smoke decays.

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claremont, which derives its Name from the fecond Title of the D. of Newcastle,

I S a House and Gardens belonging to the present Duke, a Mile beyond Esher: The House is an old-fashion'd ungraceful Building, consisting of the main Body and two Wings; the best Rooms in it are, a handsome Saloon, and beyond that a Ball-Room, supported

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ported by Corinthian Pillars. and surrounded by a Gallery; all the other Aparrments are very finall, and very ill furnish'd; but that which is most remarkable, is the top Room of all; for the House lessening to a Point, finishes with a pretty good Apartment, with Windows backwards and forwards: when you look down from the Front, you see the Lawn and Avenue below, but when you turn to the back Window, you are aftonish'd to find yourself on a Level with the Garden, into which you enter by a large Glass-Door.

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Door that reaches to the Ground. Throughout the whole House, the Fore-rooms are raised very high from the Ground, and the back Apartments are even with the Garden, which may ferve to give fome Idea of its great Height. The Garden contains 360 Acres, and is extremely magnificent. The Walks are all very fine, and there are many pleasant Buildings in it; there is one Part of it of an excessive height, from the Summit of which there is a noble Prospect, chiefly confisting of barren Heaths, but D 2 fo

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To beautifully variegated, that it is noble and pleasing at the fame Time. The Side of this Eminence from Top to Bottom, is planted as thick as possible with Shrubs, which forms a very agreeable Object from the plain beneath, and is called the Amphitheatre; there is no Water, but what is brought from a distant Spring into a large, full Bason, close by the Brink of which, is an irregular Rock, compos'd of Spars, Fossils, &c. that seems the happy Work of Nature; fuch is its elegant Rusticity. There is a Turret also, containing

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taining a beautiful Room, surrounded by Windows; over this are Leads, from whence is seen an extensive Prospect on every Side; but, in my Opinion, it falls far short of E-sher, both in Richness and Variety; yet Claremont wants not for Partisans, that give it the Preserence to its * Sister Beauty.

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The Duke of Argyle's House,

Tands in his Garden, and is a regular handsome Building: There is on the Ground-Floor, one fine, well proportioned Room, where stands a Chinese Pagoda of Mother of Pearl, of exquisite. Workmanship; at the upper End of it is a Collection of China, confishing of the greatest Curiosities in Porcelaine: In the next Room is a beautiful Col-

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Collection of Butterflies and other Infects; and also Drawings of Birds, Fishes & Fruits, colour'd and highly finish'd. The upper Floor is in the Chinese Taste; a with-drawing Room, hung with fine India Paper, the Curtains & Chairs of painted Taffeta; next to that is a Bed-Chamber in the same Manner, with a most elegant painted Taffeta Bed, and a Palampour of the same: on each fide of the great Room below Stairs, is a long Gallery. in one of which, are all the Instruments which the Duke D 4 uses

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uses, in his Mechanical and Chymical Experiments; and along the opposite Side, are a Set of admirable Drawings; the other is filled with Books and Drawings also. The Garden contains 30 Acres, and is in no very extraordinary Taste; on an eminence stands a round Tower, which contains two Rooms, one over the other. In the Tower are some Chairs of a curious Construction invented by the Duke. Here is also a Chinese Instrument called a Gom, made of Copper, almost in the shape of a Dish, being struck with a Stick cover'd

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ver'd with Packthread, it gives a clear, full and harmonious Sound, which vibrates a long While, and gradually dies away: From the Leads of this Tower, there is an extensive Prospect; but very inferior to most of those, mentioned in the foregoing Pages. In one Part of the Garden there is a fine Collection of Exotics; among which are, the Coffee-Tree, the Banana, the Chian Pepper, the Palm-Tree, the Pistachio-Tree, the Torch-Thistle, and many others, equally valuable for their Scarcity and Beauty: among the rest

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rest the ever-green Oak, which shourishes in equal Verdure all the Year, and has a Leaf exactly like the Mirtle: also a Cork-Tree. The best View is from the Mount on which the Tower stands, which is cut into an Arch, that contracting the Prospect, forms a very striking Point of View, from the farthest part of the Garden.

Mrs

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Mrs Pritchard's House called Ragman's Castle, from its original Builder;

STands behind three very fine lofty Trees, which fence it from the Sun and Wind, without intercepting the Prospect; tis situated exactly opposite to Ham-Walks, which, together with the woody Side of Richmond Hill, give it the Advantage of a very rich Prospect: The Front

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of the House is very pretty, being covered with Gravel; & the best Room (with a handfome Bow - Window) forms a very uniform Appearance: This Apartment is hung with India Paper, dispos'd in a most elegant Taste. It represents a Chinese Pavilion, supported with Lilac Pillars. In feveral Parts there are Looking-Glasses fo artfully placed in the Chinese Houses, that the Prospect is feen by every Person, from every different Part of the Room, which in the Afternoon, when the Barges are coming up, presents the most beau-

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beautiful moving Picture imaginable.

* (Tho' last, not least in our dear Love.)

* K. Lear.

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Some Account of a little Kingdom on the Banks of the Thames.

HIS KINGDOM is fituated on the Banks of the Thames; its Soil Gravelly, its Air Balmy, clear, and healthful: The whole Place is one continued Garden. Plenty and Pleafure are the Ideas convey'd by its largeFields of

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of Corn and its verdant Mean dows; tis govern'd by a King, whom Arts (not Arms) recommend to the Dignity, the Government not being Hereditary: He is proclaim'd by a Muse, and acknowledged by the People. Their last Monarch was the Terror of Fools and Knaves, and the Darling of the Learned and Virtuous: He reigned long over them, belov'd and well establish'd, and was succeeded by their present Sovereign, | whom God grant long to reign!

[•] Mr. Pope. || Mr. Cambridge He

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He * treads in the Steps of his Predeceffor, unrival'd in Wit and Learning, by all but the wife and accomplish'd || Abbot of Teddington Abby, who as well as himself, makes a distinguish'd Figure in the † World. His Palace stands in a large Plain, near the Place for embarking, which is the Boundary of his Kingdom.

* Alluding to that excellent Mock Heroic Poem of the Scribleriad, the Hint of which Mr Cambridge took, from Mr. Pope's Memoirs of Scriblerius.

Mr Walpole, the ingenious Author of a List of Royal and Noble Authors.

† Both these Gentlemen had a confiderable Share in that Work.

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As his Majesty is a great Friend to fumptuary Laws, he avoids all Appearance of Shew, both in his Garb and Habitation, for which Reason his first Care was to destroy the Palace Gardens; he leaves the Enjoyment of his Meadows and Grove, to his Subjects, which has much encreas'd his Popularity, and has also put up many Seats and Benches, for the Ease and Satisfaction of his People, whose Esteem he makes it his Study to acquire; and indeed has succeeded, as much as any Monarch can expect: For, E like

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like the Britons, they love, revere, & murmur against him.

The Meadows are verdant, large, and beautifully fituated; all along the River-fide they are level and easy; but higher, the Ground rifes into little Hillocks, and the lofty Trees in many Parts, offering their Shade, render it the most beautiful of Places. The Grove runs along the upper part of the Mead, about three Quarters of a Mile in Length, and rather narrow; it lies not in a strait Line, but winding in and out; it is covered with a green Turf, as soft to the Feet

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as Velvet, and fenc'd on each Side by thick Bushes of Roses, Orange - Flowers, Honey-Suckles, Lilacs and Sweet-Williams, and shaded by the finest tall Trees that grow. There are many little Rustic Seats, besides two large commodious ones, which would ferve for a Shelter against Rain and Sun: To this Place you are guided by the aromatic Smell of Plants, and the warbling of Birds. Wherever the Trees and Bushes are a sittle open, it shews the loveliest Meads in the World; full of Flocks and Oxen grafing; and E 2

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beyond, the River with Richmond on the opposite Side.

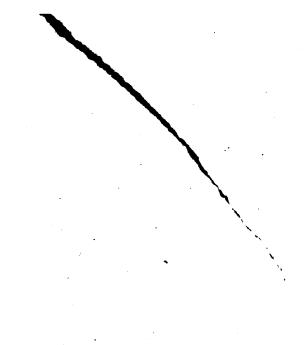
The Genius of the inhabitants inclines not towards Commerce, Architecture seems their chief Delight; in which if any one doubts their exceling, let him fail up the River and view their lovely Villas beautifying its Banks; Lovers of true Society, they despiseCeremony, & no Place can boast more Examples of domestic Happiness. Their Partiality for their Country rises to Enthusiasm; and what is more remarkable, there is scarce any Instance of a Stranger's reiding ?

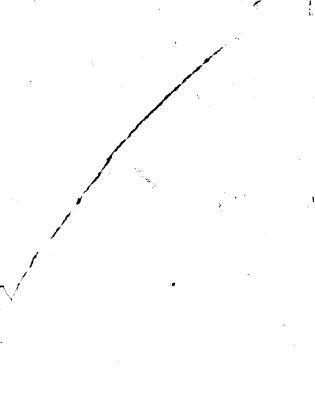
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fiding for a few Days among them, without being inspir'd by the same rapturous Affection, for this Earthly Elesium. Their Laws and Customs are dictated by Reason, and regulated by social Love. Happy! thrice happy they, to whom it is permitted to spend their Lives in such a Country, such Society, and under such a Government; possess of the possess of the same property.

An * elegant Sufficiency; Content, Retirement, rural Quiet, Friendship, Books, progressive Virtue, and approving HEAV'N.

Vide Thompson's Seasons, Spring.
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